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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09877.0189-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Giacomo Stefano Roba <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 09/986,622	)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001	)	
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION	)	Confirmation No.: 5933
FURNACE FOR DRAWING	)	
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS	)	
TO OPTICAL FIBRES	)	

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.